MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether responsible journals published reviews on this book before it was submitted to the Text-Book Committee?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether any representation was made to the Director or to the Text-Book Committee, before this book was prescribed as a text-book, objecting to its being prescribed as a text-book?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I point out that such testimonials are often given to every beginner in authorship and therefore should not be made the basis for such books being prescribed as text-books?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I never said, Sir, that that testimonial was the basis for the book being prescribed as a text-book. In fact, I knew of the testimonial long after the book was prescribed as a text-book.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Was there any complaint, that there are objectionable passages in the book, before the book was prescribed as a text-book?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the author of this book was known as an author except for this book?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I believe so, Sir.

*Boat Basin for Alleppey.*

242. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have sanctioned the construction of a Boat Basin for the protection of sea-going lighters in Alleppey, and if so, when they propose to carry out the work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The work will be taken in hand when funds for the purpose become available.

*Duty on Coir matting imported into Australia.*

243. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the enhancement of duty on coir matting imported into Australia, and, if so, what action they have taken to bring about a reduction in the rate of import duty?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Government of India were requested to move for a reduction in the rate of duty on coir matting imported into Australia, and they have replied to say that the points raised have been noted by them for consideration, if and when negotiations are undertaken for the conclusion of a trade agreement with Australia.



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MR. K. C KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): When did the Government come to know of the enhancement of duty in Australia?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Chamber of Commerce wrote to Government about it in their letter dated the 7th January 1935.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): When did the Government represent the matter to the Government of India?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They wrote to the Agent to the Governor-General on the 8th February 1935.

*Duty on Ginger imported into Australia.*

244. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Australian Government levies a duty on Indian ginger imported into Australia, and, if so, what action they have taken to remedy the situation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Government of India have been addressed on the matter and it is to be hoped that they will consider the matter, if and when negotiations are undertaken for the conclusion of a trade agreement with Australia.

*Duty on Coir mats and matting imported into New Zealand.*

245. * MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the imposition of a duty on coir mats and matting imported into New Zealand; and, if so, the action they have taken to remedy the situation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Government of India were addressed with a view to have the duty levied *ad valorem* altered into a specific duty based on the quantity of the coir mats and matting. They have replied to say that the question of duty on coir mats and mattings imported into New Zealand from Travancore will be considered in connection with the negotiations for a trade agreement with New Zealand which they hope to resume in the near future.

*Convenience in Alleppey for Passengers by Sea.*

246. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of passenger steamers touching Alleppey;

(*b*) what convenience the passengers on board have, if they alight at Alleppey and

(*c*) whether they considered the question of affording facilities to passengers when they alight at Alleppey for sight-seeing or otherwise?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Steamers with passenger accommodation bound for foreign Ports occasionally touch Alleppey for shipping and landing cargo.

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